

should be given the opportunity to yearly attend workshops or conferences and to process with colleagues the information gained.

Secondly, I strongly believe that funding needs to be provided to have a science consultant in each elementary building. This person would function as a teacher of teachers, helping new and veteran teachers with all aspects of teaching the science curriculum. I had the opportunity during 2001 to work for the Jackson County Intermediate School District in Michigan as such a science specialist. In this role, I assisted other teachers with planning, improving teaching methodology, locating appropriate activities and materials, and developing skills in inquiry science teaching. The improvement I saw in teachers' confidence and competence during my tenure as a science teacher specialist was dramatic.

If funding specifically designated for consistent, on-going professional development in science could be coupled with funding for a science specialist to assist teachers in each elementary building. I believe we would see a very significant increase in the quantity and quality of science learning taking place in our schools.

Thank you for recognizing the 2001 Presidential Awardees, thank you for your continued support of science and math education, and thank you for giving me this opportunity to express my views.

TRIBUTE TO MAY LOUIE ON THE OCCASION OF HER 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2002

Mr. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to May Louie, an extraordinary woman who will celebrate 90 years of life on June 5, 2002.

A loving mother, daughter and widow, May Louie is an honorable woman in her own right. She has lived a life filled with values, service, and dedication to her family and to her community.

Born on June 5, 1912 in Columbus Ohio, May was the eighth child of ten and the second of two daughters. Driven by famine in China, her father came to the United States in the early 1880s to help build the trans-continental railroad. He met and married May's mother and the two moved to Biloxi, Mississippi and then to Columbus, where they owned and operated a laundry.

May was sent to China as a young girl after her mother's tragic death as a result of the Spanish flu epidemic of 1918. She endured harsh living conditions, including a bout of malaria fever before returning to Ohio aboard the USS *President McKinley* in 1928.

Following the death of her father, May provided loving care for many years to her elderly foster parents, Walter and Sadie Hauptfuier in Canton, Ohio. She studied piano, flute and piccolo and became a respected music teacher.

May moved to Lakewood, Ohio after her marriage to Toy Louie, the owner of a wholesale Chinese grocery business and noodle factory, and the couple soon began a family of their own. May gave birth to two sons—James and David and she instilled in them a lifelong love of music and the arts. A devoted mother, May Louie was a full-time homemaker and the family's chief money manager.

In an effort to bring diversity to television, May encouraged her sons to appear on a live public affairs program produced by a neighbor. While both children participated, David displayed an early and keen interest in the news business, appearing weekly on the show for eight years . . . from five years old to age thirteen. It was this experience that kindled David's interest in pursuing a highly distinguished career in T.V. journalism.

Widowed in 1980, May managed on her own for 16 years before moving into David's home in San Mateo, California. She is a proud grandmother of two adult grandchildren—Linda May Louie and Michael Louie, the children of Jim and Vana of Mayfield Heights, Ohio.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this great and good woman, May Louie, and in wishing her a very happy, healthy and fulfilling 90th birthday. Her life is instructive to us all and we know we are a better country because of all she's done.

RECOGNIZING THE 54TH ANNIVERSARY OF ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2002

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, today, Wednesday, April 17, is Yom Ha'Atzmaut—Israel's Independence Day. As the people of Israel celebrate 54 years as the only democracy in the Middle East, I am proud to join with my colleagues to reiterate our continued strong support of Israel, its right to defend itself and its people from terrorism, and to focus on the special relationship that exists between our two nations.

We all know that these are troubling times for Israel, and indeed, the entire Middle East. The world has watched in horror as terrorist attacks have killed more than 450 Israelis and wounded nearly 4,000.

Car bombings, suicide attacks and widespread terrorism in residential areas have disrupted the lives of Israelis. Men and women fear that an ordinary trip to their local market will result in tragedy. Children longer feel safe to ride their school buses, and families sitting down to celebrate a holy meal have been murdered by suicide bombers. Since September 11, I think all Americans have a new understanding of the threats that Israelis face and have faced for some time. And I think all Americans have been steeled in their resolve to root out terror wherever it may be found.

Before and since being elected to Congress, I have supported a strong Israel. America has always had a unique relationship with Israel. They are our most important strategic ally in this volatile area, and a nation whose founding and existence clearly makes the world better.

The United States must continue to voice its support for Israel and for their right to defend their people and to exist. That is particularly true at this terrible time. The United States must be prepared to continue to provide the diplomatic, military, and economic support that Israel needs.

As the world's only superpower, the United States plays an essential role as a broker of peace in the region. I am pleased to see

President Bush engaged on this issue, sending Secretary of State Powell to the Middle East to try to end the violence. But we must not let that role keep us from speaking the truth. As our President has said, terrorism is unacceptable in all its forms. Palestinians must end the violence against the Israelis. The attacks must stop.

When they do, Israel must respond, as I am confident she will, with corresponding steps to reduce the level of tension. That is the only way to get back to the peace table. And only peace discussions can achieve the lasting, just peace that will best serve the interests of all Israelis, all Palestinians and indeed, all of us throughout the world.

Mr. Speaker, my personal sense of commitment to Israel has only been strengthened by recent developments. Today, as Israelis mark their 54th anniversary, we can celebrate the existence of a strong and vibrant Jewish state. I am proud to observe this occasion and to use this opportunity to join with my colleagues to reaffirm our solidarity with Israel and the Israeli people.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ED WENGER

HON. MARK GREEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2002

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I offer the following comments today to mark the retirement of Mr. Ed Wenger. After nearly 30 years of service, Ed retired from the U.S. Forest Service last year.

After a stint in the Army, he began his distinguished career with the Forest Service at the Hoosier National Forest in Indiana. Since then, he's served in forests from Illinois to Pennsylvania, and a couple of places in between.

But it's Ed's time in Wisconsin that left such a lasting impression on me and lots of other folks in my area. He was instrumental in developing the Florence Natural Resource Center while serving as the Florence District Ranger for the Nicolet Forest. And he did tremendous work while at the Nicolet-Chequamegon National Forest from 1997 to 2001.

Wherever he was stationed, Ed quickly became an active and well-known member of the community—both in forest issues and in the general activities and organizations that make our towns and villages such great places to live. I believe that future generations of Forest Service employees could stand to learn much from Ed, and his dedication to maintaining such close ties between the management of our forests and the communities that surround them.

CONGRATULATING ISRAEL ON ITS INDEPENDENCE DAY

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2002

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Israel on its Independence Day, its